

The county is raising salary levels, but they remain two steps below the state salary levels.

Mental Health Clinic

The mental health program is conducted under the auspices of the county health department although it is located in separate quarters on Ash Street in Goldsboro. The main concern of this program is preventive mental health and group therapy. Fees for services rendered are charged according to the patient's ability to pay.

The director of the health department feels that an expanded program should include an after-care program, a mental retardation clinic and preventive work in the public schools. The present quarters of the mental health program are adequate to house such an expansion.

The personnel of the mental health program include only two secretaries and two psychology interns from East Carolina University. A full-time psychologist resigned recently and the county has been unable to obtain a psychiatrist. A position for a social worker has never been filled. Three local physicians have been hired for temporary consultation. There is also an opening for a public health nurse.

The 1967-1968 budget includes funds for all of the above positions, except a public health nurse. The Public Health Fund includes \$55,609.00 for the mental health program.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the health department be moved to the Old Wayne County Memorial Hospital in 1970 or 1971, when the new hospital is occupied. The shortage of space in the present health department is acute and some action must be taken in the near future. However, some county officials feel that by